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1. SPANISH PRESS REACTION TO JUNTA DEMOCRATICA'S APPEARANCE
IN CONGRESS SO FAR LIMITED TO NATIONAL MOVEMENT'S ARRIBA,
WHOSE REACTION IS AHARP. ARRIBA'S NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT
FELIX ORTEGA DESCRIBED EVENT AS CONGRESSIONAL CONFERENCE
WITH 12 SENATORS AND 18 REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE, "THE
FLOWER OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN BOTH CHAMBERS." NO MENTION MADE
OF PRESENCE OF DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL OR PARTICIPATION BY OTHER
NON-CONGRESSIONAL AMERICANS.

2. SEEKING TO EXPLAIN CONFERENCE, ORTEGA COMMENTS THAT U.S.
HAS EITHER DECIDED THAT BASES AGREEMENT IS LOST CAUSE OR THAT
OUTLOOK IN NEGOTIATIONS SO PESSIMISTIC THAT THEY HAVE DECIDED
TO PLAY WITH GREATER AUDACITY." ON THIS POINT, ORTEGA BUILDS
THEORY THAT, TO ASSURE SUCCESS IN NEGOTIATIONS, DEMOCRATS
IN CONGRESS COURT OPPOSITION WHILE REPUBLICANS IN
EXECUTIVE BRANCH DEAL WITH GOVT. HE SEES AFFAIR AS
ONCE AGAIN PROVING THAT U.S. INTEREST IN BASES OVERRIDES ALL
OTHER CONCERNs, INCLUDING IDOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES. P.C.E.
SECRETARY GENERAL SANTIAGO CARILLO UNDERSTOOD THIS POINT,
ORTEGA CONTENDS, WHEN HE SAID RECENTLY THAT "SINCE DETENTE
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EXISTS, P.C.E. WOULD ACCEPT BASES." ORTEGA ALSO NOTED THAT

ON SAME DAY AS CONGRESSIONAL CONFERENCE, KISSINGER WAS
TESTIFYING ON EUROPEAN TRIP INCLUDING RELATIONS WITH SPAIN BEFORE
ANOTHER CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE.

3. ARRIBA COLUMNIST PEDRO RODRIGUEZ PREDICTED JUNTA'S
MEETING WITH CONGRESS WOULD COME AS SHOCK TO SPAIN'S
"DRAWING-ROOM LIBERALS" ADDING THAT WHILE REPUBLICANS
WERE CARRYING AWAY KEY TO CITY OF MADRID AND ITS HOSPITALITY,
DEMOCRATS WERE MEETING WITH OPPOSITION.

4. EMBASSY HAS ALREADY HAD ONE PRESS INQUIRY ABOUT JUNTA'S
CONGRESSIONAL APPEARANCE AND IT DREW ON REFTEL
TO PROVIDE CORRECT DETAILS ON NATURE OF MEETING AND PARTI-
CIPANTS.

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